

Paul Revere's Ride Discussion Questions

Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why were the British soldiers headed to Concord? • Who were Samuel Adams and John Hancock? • Why did the British want their march to be a secret? • Why was Paul Revere's ride important to the Revolution? • What happened to the three Midnight Riders? • What did the Paul Revere's Ride accomplish?
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you suppose Paul Revere knew about the British army's secret plans? • Would you have wanted to be friends with Paul Revere? Why or why not? • What other possible outcomes could have occurred during the Midnight ride? • Why do you think Prescott and Dawes did not gain the fame of Paul Revere? • What do you think motivated Revere to "alarm every house"? • How might Paul Revere get his message out today? (Example: Texting)
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you be willing to risk your life for your country? Why or why not? • How would you have dealt with this situation? Who would you have warned first? • In your opinion, was Paul Revere a traitor to the King? Defend your answer. • What do you think Dawes might have said to get past the British guards at Boston Neck? • What might have happened if Paul Revere had been caught before he could warn the colonist? How might the course of history been different?

The Shot Heard Round the World

Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the signal for the Minutemen to come running? • What was John Parker's role during the battle of Lexington? • What did John Pitcairn mean when he said, "Ye villain, ye rebels! Lay down your arms?" • Who won at the battle of Lexington? • Why were the British soldiers unable to find weapons at Concord?
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors might have helped the Patriots gain victory at Lexington? • How was the Battle of Lexington different from the Battle of Concord? • What do you think the minutemen at Lexington were thinking as the British approached? • Why do you think textbooks include maps of the battles? • What do you think motivated Revere to "alarm every house"?
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate John Parker's leadership skills on a scale of 1 to 10. Explain. • If you were a Patriot living during this time, would you have joined the men in Concord? Why or Why not? • Do you believe the British had the right to confiscate the Patriot's weapons? Explain your reasons. • If you were in charge of the Patriot militia, what suggestions would you give your soldiers? How would this help them gain victory? • What do you think the rest of the world might have been feeling when they heard the news of the "Shot Heard Round the World?"

The Battle of Bunker Hill

Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did the Patriots want to control the hills surrounding Charlestown? • How were Prescott's men able to construct the fort without the British knowing? • What did John Pitcairn mean when he said, "Ye villain, ye rebels! Lay down your arms?" • Who won at the battle of Lexington? • Why were the British soldiers unable to find weapons at Concord? • Who won at the battle of Concord?
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What advantage did the British have over the Patriots during the Battle of Bunker Hill? • What motivated the soldiers to work all night building the fort? • What might have happened if the soldiers had rested before battle? • How did having control of Boston Harbor help the British capture Bunker Hill? • What were some of the problems the Patriot army faced?
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your opinion, did Prescott make a wise decision telling his soldiers to wait? Why or why not? • Could you design a better way for the Patriots to drive out the British from Boston? • How would you feel if you were a Patriot soldier? Would you have let the defeat get you down? Or would you have been inspired to keep fighting? • Is there a better solution to war? What is it? • Do you think violent conflict accomplishes a goal? Did the Battle of Bunker Hill accomplish anything?